House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State collegiate students who have admirably demonstrated their true potential as future community leaders through the excellence of their endeavors on campus; and

Whereas, Cecelia Koetting Fenton has distinguished herself as an undergraduate student in the University of Missouri-Columbia's Division of Biological Sciences; and

Whereas, Cecelia Koetting recently enhanced her already impressive record of accomplishments when she was selected for an Outstanding Senior Award from the Division of Biological Sciences; and

Whereas, from a field of more than 1,000 biology majors on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus, Cecelia Koetting earned one of only a few Outstanding Senior Awards in light of her stellar grade point average, participation in undergraduate research experiences, and work with one of the School of Medicine faculty, Dr. Karen Bennett; and

Whereas, Cecelia Koetting is one of approximately eighty-five Peer Advisers at the University of Missouri-Columbia in the nationally recognized Freshman Interest Group (FIG) program in which upperclass students mentor a small group of incoming freshman who are housed in adjacent spaces in residence halls based on common interest; and

Whereas, Freshman Interest Group students enroll together in three classes during their first semester at the University of Missouri-Columbia to help their transition to college life through the ten-year-old program which has been found to increase graduation rates and grade point averages in participating students in addition to enhancing the leadership skills of its Peer Advisers; and

Whereas, Cecelia Koetting was nominated for an Outstanding Senior Award from the Division of Biological Sciences by her Freshman Interest Group faculty advisor, Dr. John David, who serves as Chair of Biological Sciences:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Cecelia Koetting for an Outstanding Senior Award from the Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Cecelia Koetting.